

REMARKS

Claims 28-29, 31-40, 42-48, 50, 53 and 55-73 are pending in this application.

Claims 28, 29, 32-35, 40, 42-44, 46, 48, 50, 53, 55-59 have been amended and new claims 60-73 added in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **April 13, 2004**.

The Examiner is thanked for conducting an interview with the undersigned on June 29, 2004.

I. Response to Applicant's Arguments:

The Examiner states, at page 7 of the Final Office Action, that Applicant's arguments with respect to previous rejections based on Shigemoto or Shirakura are persuasive with respect to the claimed water-resistant and moisture proof paper and method for producing a water-resistant and moisture proof paper.

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the allowed (claims 44, 51 and 53), and have rewritten objected to claims 31, 40, 45, 47, 48, 50 and 57-59 as new claims 60-73, in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims, in order to keep these claims as broad as possible.

II. 102 REJECTIONS:

Claims 28, 30 and 34-36 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Shigemoto (U.S. Patent No. 5,106,692).

Claims 28, 30, 34-36, 41, 43, 46, 54 and 55 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Mito et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,333,119).

Claims 28, 30, 33, 35, 36, 41-43, 46, 49, 52 and 54-56 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Jarvis et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,441,999).

Claims 28, 30, 32 and 34-38 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Shirakura et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,466,519).

In view of the following, those rejections are overcome.

The claims have been amended to exclude an acid modified polyolefin, and to require a compatibilizing agent (C), i.e., “not more than 20 parts by weight of at least one compatibilizing agent (C).”

Claim 28 has been amended to recite the negative limitation that the resin composition does not comprise an acid modified polyolefin. The specification at pages 11-12 provide support for the negative limitation.

Accordingly, it is submitted that none of the 102 references teach each and every element of the claimed invention as required for anticipation under 35 USC §102. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

III. 103 REJECTION:

Claims 29 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shirakura et al. (US 5,466,519) in view of the physical properties for titanium dioxide and calcium carbonate presented in the previous Office Action.

Claims 29 and 39 are directly or indirectly dependent on independent claim 28.

Claim 28 has been amended to exclude an acid modified polyolefin and to require “not more than 20 parts by weight” of at least one compatibilizing agent (C).”

Accordingly, it is submitted that Shirakura et al. does not suggest the present invention within the meaning of 35 USC §103. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

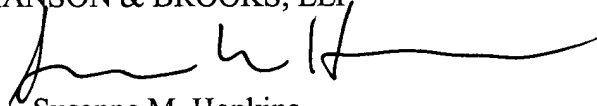
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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